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**From:** Abele, Ralph  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 12:06 PM  
**To:** Kimberly Damon-Randall - NOAA Federal; Mark Murray-Brown - NOAA Federal; Christine Vaccaro - NOAA Federal  
**Cc:** Voorhees, Jeanne; Abele, Ralph  
**Subject:** Proposed Federally Promulgated Aquatic Life Criteria in Maine  
**Attachments:** NMFS Cover Letter\_July 25 2016 version.pdf; Final BA for ESA ME Promulgation\_7\_25\_16\_A.pdf

Dear Ms. Damon-Randall:

Attached is a letter from EPA requesting concurrence from the National Marine Fisheries Service that the promulgation of certain federal water quality standards for aquatic life applicable to Maine is unlikely to adversely affect federally protected species, specifically Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*), Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*), and shortnose sturgeon, (*A. brevirostrum*), and the Critical Habitat for Atlantic salmon. We have also evaluated the effect on the proposed Critical Habitat for Atlantic Sturgeon.

Attached is a Biological Assessment for the proposed standards. We are sending detailed maps for each of the listed species in a separate email. Please contact me or Jeanne Voorhees (617)918-1686 if you have any questions. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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